# RACHAL GUSTAFSON

## Region 1 Teacher of the Year

SPECIAL EDUCATION · RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS

#### BIO

Rachal Gustafson is a 22-year teaching veteran. She is currently an elementary and middle school special education teacher at Rapid River Schools, where she has worked for the past 6 years. Rachal's teaching experience also includes her tenure at Bark River-Harris Schools as a special education teacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Title I interventionist.

Rachal is currently the co-president of the Rapid River Education Association and a member of the group's negotiating team and scholarship committee. Her other leadership positions include serving as a Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) Ambassador and as leader of Delta-Schoolcraft ISD's Student Services Team. Rachel is also Rapid River's freshman class adviser and chairperson of the senior class' all-night, alcoholfree graduation party. In May 2018, Rachal was a recipient of the Outstanding Person in Education award, sponsored by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and MESSA.

### **REGION 1**



Region 1 covers the entirety of the Upper Peninsula, including all schools in the counties of: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft.



2019-2020



#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science – Education Central Michigan University

# CERTIFICATIONS & ENDORSEMENTS

Elementary Education (K-5 all subjects, K-8 self-contained) Cognitive Impairment (K-12) Language Arts (K-8)

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